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Thomas J. Senker
Vice President, Operations
Saint Mary's Hospital
56 Franklin Street
Waterbury, CT 06706

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 04-30345-DTR
Saint Mary's Hospital
Sodexo Healthcare Services Support Services Partnership

Dear Mr. Senker:

On July 28, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request regarding the partnership of Saint Mary's Hospital with Sodexo Health Services for the management of select Support Services Departments. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. Saint Mary's Hospital ("SMH") is an acute care general hospital located at 56 Franklin Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.
2. Sodexo Healthcare Services ("Sodexo") is a food and facilities management services company offering food services, housekeeping, groundskeeping, plant operations and maintenance, and integrated facilities management.
3. SMH proposes to pursue a contractual partnership with Sodexo for the management of select departments, including facilities, dietary, environmental services, patient/materials transport, and management and upgrading of SMH's clinical nutrition program. The proposal also includes the implementation of a proprietary solution to integrate all support service departments.
4. There will be no additions, reductions or changes in services as a result of the implementation of this proposal.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with the proposal.

6. SMH anticipates that over five years the proposal will result in an overall savings of \$424,000. Sodexo will also provide dietary equipment upgrades and new housekeeping equipment.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal for the contractual partnership between SMH and Sodexo, with no associated capital costs, will not result in changes to control and the delivery of health care services. Therefore, Certificate of Need authorization is not required pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for providing the above information to OHCA. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Susan Cole, CON Supervisor, at (860) 418-7038.

Sincerely,

Signed by
Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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